



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A construction crew smooths out a portion of the concrete floor slab for the Lower Level of the CVC. The Lower Level is the first level up from the slab on grade, which is also known as the Service Level. Once the Lower Level concrete slab cures, crews will erect scaffolded formwork for the Upper Level floor slab. The concrete walls in the background show the horizontal notch for the Upper Level floor slab.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 01/05/04 through 01/09/04

East Front Plaza Highlights:

- Steel crews continue to erect steel in the northern half of the site and have now erected steel adjacent to the existing Russell Tunnel wall (see photo at right).
- Crews have completed concrete placements on the roof deck over the entire area above the House expansion space. Additional concrete placements have also been completed in front of the Center Steps.
- Crews continue to assemble the formwork for the lower of two floor slabs above the slab on grade inside the CVC and concrete placements for the lower level slab will continue.
- Crews continue to excavate and install utilities throughout the site.

East Front Extension (Inside the Capitol)

- During the recess, crews will continue demolishing and saw-cutting floor slabs and walls to clear the way for elevator shafts, stairwells and new mechanical systems.

Senate Side (Truck Tunnel Zone)

Truck Tunnel Construction:

- Crews continue assembling rebar and placing concrete roof slabs over portions of the truck tunnel.

Next Week – 1/12/04 - 1/16/04

East Front Plaza Work

- Crews will continue erecting steel columns and crossbeams in the northern half of the site. They will continue to install roof decking, lay rebar and place concrete on the decking and on grade in the southern half of the site.
- Installation of utilities, mechanical trenches, footings and storm drain pipes will continue throughout the project site.
- Scaffolding for the first-level floor slab will continue to be erected and concrete placements will occur inside the CVC in the southwest quadrant.



A steel worker guides a crossbeam into place adjacent to the existing Russell Subway Tunnel on the north side of the CVC site.



Steel columns have now been erected across the CVC site and all steel erection work is expected to be completed in early February.

East Front Extension (Inside the Capitol)

- Demolition of structural elements will continue on all levels within the East Front Extension and in the Carriageway below the East Front Center Steps.

Senate Side (Truck Tunnel Zone)

- CVC truck tunnel work will continue in all areas of the tunnel construction zone.